



January 7, 2022

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Mr. Matthew Anderson
Owner
Big Dog Energy, LLC
104 Bradford Road
Wexford, PA 15090

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Re: Beccaria Township, Clearfield County
Installing and operating generators without authorization

Dear Mr. Anderson:

On January 6, 2022 the Department of Environmental Protection (hereinafter “Department”) conducted an inspection at Big Dog Energy, LLC’s (hereinafter “Big Dog”) Hegarty A natural gas well pad in Beccaria Township, Clearfield County to observe source equipment onsite. The Department determined Big Dog had installed and is operating twenty-eight Mesa 22T natural gas fired generators, one Mesa 8T natural gas fired generator, one Jenbacher natural gas fired generator and one Gas Producing Unit on their Hagerty A natural gas well pad without authorization from the Department.

Section 127.11 of the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Environmental Protection, 25 Pa. Code § 127.11, states: “[e]xcept as provided in § § 127.11a and 127.215 (relating to reactivation of sources; and reactivation), a person may not cause or permit the construction or modification of an air contamination source, the reactivation of an air contamination source after the source has been out of operation or production for 1 year or more, or the installation of an air cleaning device on an air contamination source, unless the construction, modification, reactivation or installation has been approved by the Department.”

Section 127.443(a) of the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Environmental Protection, 25 Pa. Code § 127.443(a), states: “[a] person may not cause or permit the operation of a source the construction, modification or reactivation of which, or the installation of an air cleaning device on which, is subject to § 127.11 (relating to plan approval requirements), unless the Department has issued a permit to operate the source.”

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By installing and operating the natural gas fired generators and Gas Producing Unit listed above, Big Dog has violated Sections 127.11 and 127.443(a) of the Department's Rules and Regulations.

Although the Department intends to take enforcement action for the violations described above, it has not limited its options. The Department is willing to discuss this matter with you in an attempt to settle it without litigation. The Department will notify Big Dog in the near future regarding the level of enforcement action to be taken.

This Notice of Violation is neither an order nor any other final action of the Department of Environmental Protection. It neither imposes nor waives any enforcement action available to the Department under any of its statutes.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at lconfer@pa.gov or by phone at 570-205-8564 or Steve Schulte, Operations Chief, at sschulte@pa.gov or by phone at 570-220-2044.

Regards,

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